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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, AS, US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

REF: CANBERRA 3557

1. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: THE ERROR OF MY WAYS WAS CLEARLY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION WHEN I ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE ON ASEAN PROBLEMS IN BALI. I REFER TO HAVING REQUESTED IN THE ABOVE REFERENCE MESSAGE THAT IT BE PASSED TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. WHEN I WAS TOLD THAT THIS IS BAD FORM TO SAY THE LEAST, MY IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT YOU WOULD NOT TAKE PERSONAL OFFENCE AND WOULD CHARGE THE ERROR TO ONE NEW AT THIS GAME. I AM CERTAIN THIS WOULD BE YOUR RESPONSE, BUT, NEVERTHELESS, OFFER MY APOLOGY.

3. LET ME SAY THAT I CAN FORESEE NO SITUATION WHERE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT SHOULD SUCH A SITUATION ARISE IN THE FUTURE, YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT YOU WILL BE MADE AWARE EITHER BEFORE I SPEAK WITH HIM OR SIMULTANEOUSLY THEREWITH.

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4. YOU NEED NOT FEEL COMPELLED TO RESPOND TO THIS MESSAGE UNLESS YOU CONSIDER CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAINING GOOD ORDER.

5. THE PRESIDENT HAS YOU ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VERY FAST TRACK. SO FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED FROM "DOWN UNDER" BOTH OF YOU ARE RECEIVING GOOD MARKS.

6. PERSONAL REGARDS. SIGNED: PHILIP.
ALSTON

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